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For: DATA REPRODUCTION SYSTEM, DATA RECORDER  
AND DATA READER PREVENTING FRAUDULENT  
USAGE BY MONITORING REPRODUCIBLE TIME  
LIMIT



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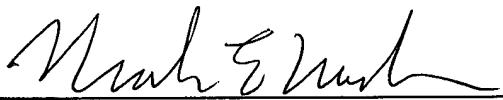
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